

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M: 24-11
(date entered 5-12-80)

1. Name: James Brooke Beall House (Rudolph Beall House on Atlas)
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 24/11 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 14
C-8
4. Address: 15700 Norman Drive, Gaithersburg
5. Classification Summary
- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Category <u>building</u> | Previous Survey Recording <u>M-NCPPC</u> |
| Ownership <u>private</u> | Title and Date: <u>1976 Inventory of</u> |
| Public Acquisition <u>N/A</u> | <u>Historical Sites</u> |
| Status <u>occupied</u> | Federal <u> </u> State <u>x</u> County <u>x</u> Local <u> </u> |
| Accessible <u>no</u> | |
| Present use <u>private residence</u> | |
6. Date: c. 1845 7. Original Owner: James Brooke Beall
8. Apparent Condition
- a. good b. altered c. original site
9. Description: The James Brooke Beall house is a three story L-shaped structure facing north across a side yard, surrounded by old maple trees. It consists of a three bay by one bay (22' x 30') section on the west and a three bay by one bay section (38' x 18') with a two story bay on the north end, on the east. The wood post and beam house is set on a stone foundation (no basement). The walls are finished with 8" reveal wood siding except for the portion by the north porch, which is done in half-timbered plywood. The paneled wood doors have glass in their upper halves, and plain wood frames. There is a glass transom above each door. The windows in the east section are two-over-two double-hung wood, with the exception of those in the bay, which are one-over-one double-hung. The west section has six-over-six windows. The black metal gable roof has a tile-like design. The ridge of the east section runs north-south, meeting that of the west section, which runs east-west.
10. Significance: For over 75 years the family and descendants of James Brooke Beall lived in this house. He had purchased several hundred acres from the estate of Samuel Clagett in 1832 and at his death his widow Lavinia remained in the house, surrounded by her four sons and two daughters who lived on nearby farms. Her daughter Cecelia and her husband Charles Vinson together built the "Beall-Dawson" house. Another daughter Lavinia married Charles DuFief of the neighboring milling family. The house was modernized and enlarged sometime in the later Victorian years. After Lavinia's death in 1890, her grandson William Brooke Vincent inherited 112 acres and lived in the house until 1917. Sold out of the family in 1917, it had one owner until 1953. It changed hands several times in the next ten years; the land was subdivided in 1964; however, the developer preserved a setting of old trees for this attractive house.
11. Researcher and date researched: Anne W. Cissel-5/79 Lynn Gallagher Arch. Description
12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock 13. Date Compiled: 10/79 14. Designation Approval
15. Acreage: 38,780 sq. ft.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

James Brooke Beall House (Rudolph Beall House on Atlas)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

15700 Norman Drive

CITY, TOWN

Gaithersburg

☒ VICINITY OF Darnestown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Thomas Bland

Telephone #: 977-4151

STREET & NUMBER

15700 Norman Drive

CITY, TOWN

Gaithersburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20760

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 3509

Folio #: 195

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland 20855

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Rudolph Beall house is an attractively restored farmhouse.

The three story L shaped structure faces north, across a side yard. It consists of a three bay by one bay (22' x 30') section on the west and a three bay by one bay section (38' x 18') with a two story bay on the north end, on the east. The wood post and beam house is set on a stone foundation (no basement). The walls are finished with 8" reveal wood siding except for the portion by the north porch, which is done in half-timbered plywood.

There are two porches. The north porch (8' x 22') has a flat roof supported by four columns with brick bases and square wood posts. The concrete porch floor is 6" above grade. There is an XXX design railing around the porch. The south porch (8' x 20') has a metal shed roof supported by three square wood posts which are finished with corner beading.

The three interior brick chimneys are painted black -- one off-center at the east, and two near the ridge at the west end.

The paneled wood doors have glass in their upper halves, and plain wood frames. There is a glass transom above each door. The windows in the east section are two-over-two double-hung wood, with the exception of those in the bay, which are one-over-one double-hung. The west section has six-over-six windows.

The black metal gable roof has a tile-like design. The ridge of the east section runs north-south, meeting that of the west section, which runs east-west. The box cornice overhangs the east section of the house by 8", and returns 2' around the gable ends on the north and south. There is a plain cornice at the top of the bay, and a similar section of trim dividing the first and second floors of the bay.

The front (north) facade shows the two story bay on the east, with six windows, one on each face of the bay, on both first and second floors. One window is centered above the bay, at the third floor level. There are five windows (two down and three up) and the main door and porch on the west section. The east elevation, which faces Norman Drive, has six windows (three down and three up) with louvered shutters. On the south side there are three windows (one on each floor) in the east section and four windows (one down and three up) and two doors and porch in the west section. On the west there is one window in the third floor gable.

The house sits, surrounded by old maple trees, on an attractive site, facing north toward a circular drive in the side yard. There is a swimming pool and cabana-storage building in a fenced yard in the south-west corner of the property.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Local History	

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1845

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

For over 75 years the family and descendants of James Brooke Beall lived in this house. Although it appeared on the Hopkins Atlas of 1879 under the name of Rudolph Beall, it was his father James Brooke Beall and his mother who lived there from 1841 until her death in 1890.

James B. Beall had purchased several hundred acres of "Treble Trouble" and "Richland" from the Estate of Samuel Claggett in 1832, recorded in 1841.¹ After his death the land was partitioned among the heirs, and his widow Lavinia chose Lot #1 called "The Dower Lot" which contained, "...253 acres... on public road from Darnestown to DuFief Mill, wooded and in a state of cultivation...improvements are a comfortable dwelling house..."²

For the next 30 years the widow Beall lived in this house, surrounded by her sons and daughters who lived on farms nearby. Her daughter Cecelia with her husband Charles Vinson (Vincent) built a Federal style house about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east on Route 28, which is now known as the Beall-Vinson House. Another daughter, Lavinia, became the bride of Charles DuFief of the neighboring milling family. Her sons Zebedee and James J. Beall owned parts of "Mount Pleasant" and "Hartley Hall" directly north across present Route 28, and her son Dr. Reverdy Brooke Beall owned extensive acreage to the west and in nearby Darnestown. The only son who did not live in the immediate area was her eldest son, William Rudolph Beall, who made his home just south of the Frederick County line near Dickerson. He is buried in Beallsville, while James, Lavinia and their other three sons and daughters are all buried in the Darnestown Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

The family home was modernized and enlarged sometime during the later Victorian years. A two-story addition with bay windows and covered verandah was added to the pre-1859 house.

After Lavinia's death in 1890, her grandson William Brooke Vincent and her son Reverdy divided the 253 acres. William purchased "The Dower Lot" of 112 acres³ and lived there until 1917. From 1917 until 1953 it was the property of Mamie and William Miles.⁴ During the 1950s and early 1960s it changed hands several times as speculation increased in the area.

In 1964 the plat for a development called "Mountain View Estates" was filed. The James Brooke Beall House is Lot 2 in Block C,⁵ and was purchased by the present owner in 1966.

The builders of this 20th century development recognized that this sturdy and comfortable house, as well as its stately trees could be blended

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Attachment Sheet A
James Brooke Beall House

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into the landscape to utilize and preserve them both, and the 19th century house fits snugly into its new surroundings.

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Land Records of Montgomery County, BS 10/479 (1841).
- 2 Judgment Record, 3/362 (1859).
- 3 Land Records, JA 49/102 et. seq. (1895).
- 4 Ibid., 460/465 (1917).
- 5 Plat Book 77 Folio 7709, Survey December, 1964.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Montgomery County Land, Plat and Equity Records as cited.
 Beall family histories and genealogies,
 Sentinel newspaper ads: November, 1885 and August 24, 1860.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 38,780 square feet

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 2 Block C of Mountain View Estates, Gaithersburg, Md.
 with eastern boundary of Norman Drive

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Anne W. Cissel

Lynn Gallagher

Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

May 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME																								
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AND/OR HISTORIC: Rudolph Beall House																								
2. LOCATION																								
STREET AND NUMBER: 15700 Norman Drive																								
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville																								
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery																					
3. CLASSIFICATION																								
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
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	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

To the west is an ell, with large double internal chimneys on the west end. It has a three bay facade with a central doorway and 6/6 double hung sash windows. This ell is older than the present main block, which is three bays with a large, central chimney. The windows in this section are 2/2 double hung sash; on the north end it has a two story bay window.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
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SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 26 Feb 75
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated

MAY 1983

ACTION TAKEN

Resources one through seven for placement on the Master Plan

Resources eight through fifteen found not to meet Ordinance criteria for placement and are recommended to be removed from Locational Atlas

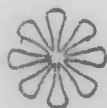
1. Samuel Higgens House, Site 24/10
12901 Meadow View Dr.
Gaithersburg, MD 20760
2. Pleasant View Church #2, Site 24/13
Darnestown Rd.
Gaithersburg, MD 20760
3. Pleasant Hills, Site 24/21
14800 Darnestown Rd.
Germantown, MD 20767
4. Glen Store and Post Office, Site 29/3
11530 S. Glen Rd.
Potomac, MD 20854
5. Locust Grove (Magruder House), Site 29/16
7401 Lakeview Dr.
Bethesda, MD 20034
6. Ellerslie, Site 29/36
9030 Saunders Lane
Bethesda, MD 20034
7. Brewer Farm, Site 12/38
20201 Darnestown Rd.
Beallsville, MD 20753

8. Darby Offut Farm, Site 24/3
15330 Darnestown Rd.
Germantown, MD 20767
9. Frank Higgens (Hoskinson) House, Site 24/9
13415 Darnestown Rd.
Germantown, MD 20767
10. Rudolph Beall House, Site 24/11
15700 Norman Dr.
Gaithersburg, MD 20760
11. Nathaniel Clagett Farm, Site 24/31
13611 Deakins Lane
Germantown, MD 20767
12. Jones House, Site 25/7
Potomac Horse Center
Gaithersburg, MD 20760
13. Travilah Baptist Church, Site 25/10-2
12811 Glen Rd.
Gaithersburg, MD 20760
14. Greenbury/Jackson House, Site 29/14
10220 Kentsdale Dr.
Potomac, MD 20854
15. Samuel Ford House, Site 29/24
10800 Cripplegate Rd.
Potomac, MD 20854

POWER

COMPANY

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24/9

FRANK HIGGENS



24/11

RUDOLPH BEALL

NORTH

SCALE 1:1000

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NAME RUDOLPH BEALL HOUSE

LOCATION 15700 NORMAN DR., DARNESTOWN, MD.

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NAME RUDOLPH BEALL HOUSE

LOCATION 15700 NORMAN DR DARNESTOWN, MD

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